

Beaver Damboree FAQ's

What is Damboree?

Damboree is an opportunity for Beavers to experience sleeping under Canvas, the idea behind it is that Beavers spend one or two nights under canvas, now that for Beavers there are no restrictions on their Nights Away adventures. Beavers can camp and they can do more than one night.

I don't want to camp can we still attend Damboree?

Yes, however, the point of Damboree is to camp. You can still attend but you would need to book your own accommodation and would still need to pay the Damboree fee to take part in the activities and entertainment so if you choose to use a cabin it would be in addition to the cost of Damboree costs. We must also state that if you are in a cabin you will not get the Damboree badge as it states "in tents" and being in a lodge/cabin is not in a tent.

What do I need to do?

Fill out the form telling us how many Beavers, adults and Young Leaders you have coming and make sure you pay the required deposit. If you book a place you still must pay the fee as we will plan activities etc based on those numbers.

You might want to make contact with your local Nights away advisor (NAA) and tell them you want to work on your campsite permit so they can advise you of the process. Your DC will have a list of NAA's or you can find these on Compass.

We will provide 2 hours of activities, so the rest is for you to plan. A huge part of planning a camp is putting a programme together. If you need any help please ask for support from other leaders in your District or let us know and we can support with this.

There is also onsite catering (which is optional and at an additional charge). If you opt for catering and are looking at being assessed for a Nights Away permit then it is worth discussing with your NAA to ensure you can provide all the evidence they would want to see for when you are taking your Beavers away where someone else catering isn't an option.

You might need to complete a site visit prior to the event and draft a plan and risk assessment, again this is part of the NAA planning experience.

What exactly am I getting?

So in the cost of Damboree there will be camping fees, 2 adventurous activities and entertainment on Saturday evening, plus Damboree badges. For those who gain a Camp Site permit through the Damboree there is also a special badge for gaining your permit.

I don't have a permit to camp how can I attend?

One option would be to ask a leader from your group who has a campsite permit to be your Nights Away permit holder for the event. You would do the planning and be event leader but will need to be present for the sleeping part (as a minimum) and be involved with the planning (including seeing programme/menu/risk assessments for example) so they are sure all the relevant Scouting procedures are followed as they will be responsible for the experience overall.

Alternatively ask in your District if any leaders have a permit to cover their Colony and if you can join them. As above you would be the Event leader for your Beavers but they would need to be responsible overall as it would fall under their permit remit.

If neither of the options above are possible please let us know and we will see what support we can find to ensure you can take part and are fully covered under Scouting rules.

When will my activities be?

When you check in you will be given the time of your activities, ensure your programme is flexible enough to move things around so that you can slot the activities in.